

QUIET CONVENTION OF THE DEMOCRATS

THEY NOMINATE A ONE-SIDED COUNTY TICKET.

In One Respect the Convention Was a Record Breaker—It Nominated a Ticket and Transacted the Other Business to Come Before It in Just Two Hours—Only Fight Was for the Temporary Chairmanship of the Convention—Honor Went to Colonel Fitzsimmons.

One of the shortest conventions in the history of the Democratic party of the county was held yesterday in Music hall. The following ticket was nominated: County commissioners—John J. Durkin, Fourteenth ward, Scranton; John E. Regan, Sixth ward, Scranton; County auditors—P. W. Costello, Sixth ward, Scranton; Paul W. Aten, North-

ing a candidate for congress came up. The matter was fully discussed, and the unanimous opinion of the candidates was, that if a Democrat could be found who would pay his assessment, and go out and make an aggressive campaign, he ought to be nominated. If no such person could be gotten, they believed that no nomination should be made. The argument all advanced was, that if there was no nomination of a candidate for congress, unless as they designated, the opposition would be much weaker as it would not use any large amount of money, and Democratic candidates would, in consequence, have infinitely a better chance of being elected. This practical view was entertained by a large, potent element of the Democratic party in all parts of the county. I admit I believed the same way, and when the county committee met, I put myself on record as so believing. Now that a third of the committee thought otherwise, which resulted in the nomination of the Hon. M. F. Sando.

"Now for the concluding chapter. Was I true to Mr. Sando? If there be one person who can speak adversely as to my attitude, it is Mr. Sando himself. My every act was known to him. Here is a letter which he cheerfully handed me:

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: "Ever since I was a candidate for congress, I have been pained, at times, to hear Col. F. J. Fitzsimmons charged with being unfaithful to me. I want to publicly say that, no matter who else was false, I know Col. Fitzsimmons and that he could influence every loyal and true.

"Respectfully, "M. F. SANDO. "Scranton, Oct. 2, 1899."

"I can only say to Mr. Sando's statement of the emphasis of my word and honor. I was as true to him as his father, and the person does not live who can truthfully say otherwise. I am aware that forfeited confidence is not easily restored. I know that a damning accusation travels quickly, and I would have supported the Democratic ticket. Yet I also understand that truth crushed to earth will rise again, and that time is a great adjuster of difficulties. I concede that it is not good politics for the same person to be continued for years as chairman. Did I not feel that I must vindicate myself, I would have stepped from the platform when the roll call was completed. I am not unfaithful of the rumors that have been in circulation, intimating that I was controlled by agencies that dealt in cash. I mean to make no reference to such stories, as I felt that suspicion attaches to the person who talks continually of virtue, and that the man who boasts of his honesty is one whose presence suggests the locking of money drawers and the hiding of valuables. However, I was urged by some of my friends to meet the foul allegations.

"It might not be necessary for me, who has been actively engaged in politics for twenty years, and who can challenge any Democratic candidate during the period to say that he ever paid me a dollar for my services, to be obliged to deny that I was corruptly influenced by Republicans. During seven years I controlled a newspaper which ably supported Democratic candidates and principles, and not a dollar did I exact for such support. Did I desire to make money in politics I could have made thousands of dollars. As a summarizing, allow me to say that I never received a dollar from any Republican or agent to opposition. Democracy, and no one else, so except some evasive coward or scoundrel black and white, was born in my family, credited in reputation-boosting of the Democratic party, and the seeds of bigotry and hate.

"EXTENDED HIS THANKS. "Allow me to thank you for your vindication you have given me, as well as for your respectful attention to my humble remarks. Let us hope that the matter will be buried and never resurrected; that unity of purpose may attend our future action; that the work of this convention may be ratified at the polls, and that the cause of noble Democracy may be strengthened in her great mission for the welfare of the masses, and the preservation of the principles of government designed and indicated by the fathers of this matchless American Republic."

His remarks were frequently interrupted by applause and when he concluded there was a great outburst of cheers. Ex-Sheriff Fahy with a view to expediting the work of the convention, suggested that as only four candidates were to be nominated that the convention have one continuous session. This was agreed to and on motion of Mr. Fahy the temporary organization was made permanent.

It was announced that there were no contests and Chairman F. J. Fitzsimmons named the following as a committee on resolutions: John J. Fahy, E. C. Newcomb, Mr. Schenck, all of this city. The committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

"The Democrats of Lackawanna county in convention assembled, emphatically reaffirm their allegiance to Democratic principles as the same are enunciated in the Chicago platform of 1896, without any reserve whatever, and it regards that peerless leader of Democracy, William Jennings Bryan, who received 6,500,000 votes in 1896 as the signal and inevitable standard bearer of the party in 1900.

"They unqualifiedly endorse the Democratic state ticket nominated in Harrisburg last June, and the platform adopted at that convention.

"TRUSTS CONDEMNED. "They regard with dismay the rapid multiplication of trusts and monopolies in this country, fostered as they are by Republican legislation. Not only do they destroy competition, stifle individual enterprise, deprive thousands of men of employment and greatly increase the cost of living, but the enormous power of their aggregated wealth is a standing menace to the perpetuity of Republican institutions and to the liberties of the people. There is a crying need for legislation to re-

strain their growth and remedy the manifold evils they bring. They had with them the glory won by American arms, both on sea and land, during the war with Spain, and heartily join with the whole American people in the magnificent welcome home to Admiral Dewey, the greatest sailor the world ever produced. They desire to speed the day when Cuba will take its place among the nations of the earth. But it deprecates the sanguinary war in the Philippines and demands for the Philippines what our father demanded and won for this country, a government deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed."

"They arraign the administration of Governor White for his want of commonwealth, for blind and servile obedience to the rule of Boss Quay, and for such jobbery, multiplication of offices, increase of salaries and extravagance in expenditure as rendered necessary the curtailment of the state appropriation for public schools and forced the late lamented George Washington, writes concerning some blacksnakes who loved music, not wisely, but too well.

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matter and others will be added later. Games, such as "Defend the Flag," archery, arena, carrom, checkers and dominoes have also been placed in the rooms at the disposal of the young men of the city.

Among the organizations that have their headquarters in the Young Men's Christian association rooms, are the Workers' Band, a literary society, the general secretary's Bible class and the Junior Band and Bible class. The latter is an excellent place for boys from 13 to 15 years of age to spend an hour each Friday evening.

The management hopes to secure speakers for a series of popular talks for the winter, the first of which will be held on Friday evening, Oct. 6, at 8 o'clock. This talk will be given by J. J. Teasdale, who took an active part with the Second Oregon volunteers, in the Philippines. Mr. Teasdale will give some of his experiences while there.

The regular Sunday afternoon services will begin Sunday, Oct. 8. Those held during October will be in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. During November and December they will be held in Quersney's hall on the ground floor, and beginning with Jan. 7, the meetings will be held in the Lyceum theater. The management is desirous of obtaining some noted speakers for the winter's course, and hopes to secure a list of speakers that will equal if not exceed those of last winter.

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SECOND CHAPTER. The second chapter, which calls for explanation, began with the filling of the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Burns declining to run for re-election. It is the duty of the chairman of a convention to notify candidates of a time and place for them to meet to name a county committee. This I did, and at that meeting the question of nominat-